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Frierson has an impressive record of research, teaching, service

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Cathy Frierson, associate professor of history at the University of New Hampshire, has won the Lindberg Award for her achievements as both an outstanding scholar and teacher in the College of Liberal Arts.

Nominated by students and colleagues, Frierson will receive the award during the annual Lindberg ceremony Tuesday, May 9. Following tradition, last year's recipient, Geography Professor Alasdair Drysdale, will give the Lindberg address during the event.

Frierson has compiled an impressive record of teaching, scholarship and international service since her arrival at the university in 1991, according to Marilyn Hoskin, dean of the college. "As a classroom teacher, she has established a reputation of demanding hard work and significant achievement from students at all levels," says Hoskin. "She has introduced hundreds of students whose horizons had stretched no farther than the state border to the excitement and lure of the world beyond."

Hoskin's comments are echoed by Frierson's colleague Kurk Dorsey, associate professor of history, who remembers attending a seminar on Russia and World War II led by Frierson. "Her ability to draw reticent students into the discussion was especially noteworthy," he says. "As a new teacher, I found the experience quite valuable, and I regard Cathy as one my most valuable mentors at the university."

As a Russian historian, Frierson has offered a perspective on that country's momentous events and periods, Hoskin explains, at times working under the least congenial research conditions imaginable and

delving into rare archives, which authorities would have preferred to see ignored.

In addition, Frierson has been instrumental in the success of the UNH Center for International Education. As director, she has produced an impressive slate of programs, including partnerships with foreign scholars and universities and research abroad opportunities for students and faculty mentors.

Frierson received her B.A. from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University. She taught at Rutgers University and Clark University before coming to UNH.

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